

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8, 10 and 11, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the pending claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A treatment device for correcting impairments to hearing, comprising:
an essentially cylindrically shaped housing, free of external moving operational elements, and formed of metal, the housing having a battery compartment and a sound exit opening;
wherein the housing completely surrounds and shields an electronics unit located therein against electromagnetic waves; and
wherein the battery compartment includes a ring magnet retaining means and a hole providing external access to the battery compartment, the hole exiting into a center recess of the ring magnet retaining means.
2. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the battery compartment comprises a watertight seal from the rest of the housing.
3. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.
4. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 2, wherein the sound exit opening is sealed by an acoustically transmitting, watertight film.

5. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing comprises a first housing component with the battery compartment being fastened together with a second housing component and an O-ring seal (3) being located therebetween.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The treatment device according to claim 1, wherein the housing is composed of titanium or a titanium alloy.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The treatment device according to claim 8¹, wherein the battery compartment further comprises a hole of small diameter for allowing external access to the battery.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)